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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/600,188	Applicant(s) WONG ET AL.	
	Examiner Chandrika Prasad	Art Unit 2839	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-9,11-14,16-47,49-55 and 57-73 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) 44-50 and 70-73 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4-9,11-14,16-43 and 51-69 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 6/20/03 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of Claims 1-43, 51-69 and embodiment 1 (Figure 1) in the reply filed on 01/03/07 is acknowledged.
2. Claims 13-14, 16, 18 and 26-27 do not read on the elected embodiment 1, therefore, these claims should be also withdrawn.

Drawings

3. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the followings must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner,

the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

- Adapter card (see Claims 5, 19, 21).
- Add-in card (claims 6, 19, 22).
- Logging of event (claim 12).
- A module (claim 19).
- Inner layer trace signals (claim 30).
- A component with a package difficult to probe (claims 32, 34).
- A ball grid array and a flip chip grid array (claim 33).
- A memory device (claims 36, 37, 38).
- A connector difficult to probe (claim 39).
- A surface mount connector (claim 40).
- A metal can (claims 41, 42).
- An open circuit condition (claim 43).
- A computer readable medium with instructions (claims 51, 53-57).

Claim Objections

4. Claim 9 objected to because of the following informalities: In line 3: "that" should be inserted between "condition" and "indicates". Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

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(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1-2, 4, 7-9, 11-14, 16-20, 23-29, 31, 51 and 53-69 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bilir (5923099).

Bilir (Figures 1-3) shows a content protection apparatus comprising a controller 50 to detect the coupling condition (or uncoupling i.e., no AC power supply, removal of power or disconnection) of a printed circuit board 10 including electrical circuits and an operating system 70 to a device 30 and to perform a shutdown of the system including the board and the device. The controller could be attached to the board. The device is configured as a second board. The boards are coupled by a connector (not shown). The controller logs an event related to the board coupling condition. The controller includes a detector. The boards will overlap near the connector. The operating system includes computer readable medium (active software and filing system).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 5-6, 21-22, 30 and 32-43 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bilir (5923099).

Bilir shows all the features of these claims except trivial features such as the board being an adapter card, an add-in card, inner layer trace signals, and having a package difficult to probe, ball grid array, flip chip grid array, memory, a metal can, etc.

An official notice is given that these are well known and widely used in the art of electrical connectors. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the instant invention to provide these features for their respective intended purposes which are well known in the art and their incorporation into the Bilir's apparatus would involve only routine skill in the art.

Response to Arguments


9. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Contact Information

10. Any correspondence to this action may be mailed to:

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chandrika Prasad whose telephone number is (571) 272-2099. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor can be reached at (571) 272-2800 ext 39. The fax number is 571-273-8300.


Chandrika Prasad
Primary examiner
February 22, 2007